

MINUTES OF THE CURRENT USE BOARD

Rulemaking Hearing

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DATE: January 14, 2015

TIME: 1:00 p.m.

PLACE: NH DRA, 109 Pleasant Street, Concord

BOARD MEMBERS:

Senator (*To be appointed*)

Stephan Hamilton, NHDRA, Chairman

Tom Mullin, NHAAO, City Official

Gary Karp, NHAAO, Towns <5,000 ~ *Absent*

Nik Coates, NHACC

Lindsay Webb, NH Fish & Game

David Tellman, Public Member, Forest Land

Representative (*To be appointed*)

Lorraine Merrill, Dept. of Agriculture ~ *Absent*

Scott Bartlett, NHAAO, Towns >5,000

Jon Wraith, UNH Life Science & Agriculture ~ *Absent*

Susan Francher, NH Forests and Lands

Chuck Souther, Farm Land

Thomas Thomson, Public Member

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

Tanya Tellman, Bethlehem

David Gomez, Derry

Jasen Stock, NHTOA

Chairman Hamilton convened the rulemaking hearing at 1:05 p.m.

Introductions

Chairman Hamilton briefly summarized the rulemaking process.

Chairman Hamilton summarized the initial proposals to readopt with amendments Current Use Administrative Rules Cub 304.07 and Cub 304.08, to be effective April 1, 2015. The amendments are as follows:

Cub 304.07 Assessment Ranges for Forest Land Categories. The assessment ranges for forest land categories without documented stewardship shall be as follows:

- (a) The category of white pine shall be [~~\$105 to \$158~~] **\$103 to \$155** per acre;
- (b) The category of hardwood shall be [~~\$40 to \$61~~] **\$42 to \$63** per acre; and
- (c) The category of all other shall be \$30 to \$45 per acre.

Cub 304.08 Assessment Ranges for Forest Land Categories with Documented Stewardship. The assessment ranges for forest land categories with documented stewardship shall be as follows:

- (a) The category of white pine shall be [~~\$63 to \$95~~] **\$62 to \$93** per acre;
- (b) The category of hardwood shall be [~~\$24 to \$36~~] **\$25 to \$38** per acre; and
- (c) The category of all other shall be \$18 to \$27 per acre.

Chairman Hamilton invited comments from the public members in attendance. Mr. Stock, representing the New Hampshire Timber Owners Association (NHTOA), stated the NHTOA was in support of the proposed assessment ranges and happy to see the implementation and results of the new model.

Mr. Gomez, the Assessor for the Town of Derry, was happy to see that the new model has been fully implemented and is looking forward to the future results.

Chairman Hamilton asked if there were any comments from the Board. Mr. Thomson thanked Mr. Dickman for his work and dedication on the new model. Chairman Hamilton commended the board's effort and consideration of the potential effect on municipalities during the implementation of the new model as well as the effort to recognize documented stewardship as a separate category by creating and maintaining a significant delta between the two assessment ranges. No further comments were received.

Mr. Bartlett *motioned to proceed into final rulemaking with Cub 304.07 and Cub 304.08, as proposed and to allow Chairman Hamilton to move forward with the rules into final rulemaking after the comment period closes on Friday, January 23, 2015, if no additional comments are received.* Mr. Thomson *seconded the motion.* Chairman Hamilton called the motion. *All approved.*

Chairman Hamilton adjourned the rulemaking hearing at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Stephanie Derosier
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